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number of reasons this can work some hardship for the employee. And so as a result of this legislation it would be clearly stated that checks would be sent to the employee. change in the same area makes it clear that the 50 percent waiting time penalties are to apply when there's a failure to timely pay an award of the court. Current law provides for a 50 percent penalty after 30 days notice has been given of disability, and the change in this amendment is simply going along with the current case law. There are a few other housekeeping changes in the law that are of no substance, and shouldn't...certainly would not cause any trouble. Again, the committee heard this bill without a great deal of debate and advanced it without any no votes, and as a result of that I would urge adoption of this amendment to LB 216. If there are And, with that. any questions, I will try to answer them. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Vrtiska amendment? Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close on your amendment. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AMO721 to LB 216. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Members, would you please vote, if you care to. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Vrtiska's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is agreed upon.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement? Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close on the advancement of the bill. He waives closing. The question for the body is, shall LB 216 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 216.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 216 advances. We'll next move back to LB 585. We had just had the opening of the final division to